

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON NEW ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

Thursday, April 12, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Room 521, House Office Building

Chair Clemente called the Standing Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Clemente, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Melton (6/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Leland, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (5/11)

Michael DeVos, Director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the responsibilities of MSHDA. Mr. DeVos also submitted written material and answered questions.

Representative Tobocman testified in **support** of the Housing and Community Development Fund and discussed forthcoming legislation which will impact the fund.

Representative Griffin moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 29, 2007. Hearing no objection, **the motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Meisner moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Clemente** excused **Representatives Leland, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield and Pastor**.

The following members of the **Coalition for Michigan's Housing and Community Development Fund** testified in **support** of the fund, and answered questions:

Jim Logue, representing the Great Lakes Capital Fund;

Scott Larry, representing the Michigan Housing Council;

Marsha Kreucher, representing the Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Community Action Agency;

Dennis Sturtevant, representing the Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids;

Ken Benson, representing Habitat for Humanity of Michigan; and

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

Written material was also submitted by Ms. Kreucher, Mr. Sturtevant, Mr. Benson and Mr. Schwartz.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of the fund, but did not wish to speak:

Christine Coady, representing the Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund;

Mikki Myszak, representing the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition and the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM);

Lina Goodwin, representing Americorps, the Northwest Initiative and Vision 2020;

Stephanie Wutke, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;

Lynn Hendges, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness;

Bill Raymond, representing the Ottawa County Community Action Agency;

Nelson Grit, representing the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition;

Linda Keefe, representing CEDAM;

Kathryn Donovan, representing the Coalition for Michigan's Housing and Community Development Fund;

Lisa Smith, representing the Coalition for Michigan's Housing and Community Development Fund;

Regina Strong, representing Community Development Advocates of Detroit;

Sarah Teare, representing Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley;

Angie Gaabo, representing CEDAM;

Sarah Stanton, representing Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley;

Debra Fedewa, representing the Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund;

B. Luvsandorj, representing the Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund;

Zackary Pohl, representing the Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund;

Kim Tyler, representing the Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund; and

Anne Mervenne, representing Southwest Solutions.

Chair Clemente asked the above to rise and introduce themselves to the committee members.

There being no further business to come before the committees, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **11:19 a.m.**

Representative Ed Clemente, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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